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  - Descriptive title of the Invention
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  - a.  Computer Readable Copy
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For: NETWORK APPARATUS AND NETWORK  
COMMUNICATION METHOD

13 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is included along with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please record and return the assignment to the undersigned.

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 on the basis of the following foreign applications:

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